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SUBJ: SINO-ALBANIAN RELATIONS CONTINUE DETERIORATION

REF: PEKING 2114 (NOTAL)

1. JULY 14 PEOPLE'S DAILY AND NCNA ENGLISH SERVICE BOTH CARRIED TEXT  
OF JULY 7 PRC NOTE DELIVERED TO ALBANIANEMBASSY ANNOUNCING TERMINATION

OF ALL PRC AID AND WITHDRAWAL OF PRC TECHNICIANS AND MILITARY EXPERTS  
FROM ALBANIA. THE NOTE DESCRIBES IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL THE AID  
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PROVIDED TO ALBANIA AT GREAT SACRIFICE TO CHINA,  
AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF PRC EXPERTS SENT TO ALBANIA (6000) AND  
OF ALBANIANS TRAINED IN THE PRC (2000). THE NOTE ALSO LISTS SEVEN  
INSTANCES OF ALLEGED ALBANIAN OBSTRUCTIONISM IN REGARD TO PRC  
ECONOMIC AID PROGRAMS.

2. THE NOTE SEEKS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ALBANIA BEARS THE RES-

PONSIBILITY FOR THE BREAK IN AID RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT CITES VARIOUS "GROUNDLESS" ALBANIAN CHARGES AGAINST THE CHINESE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ACCUSES THE ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR OF REFUSING TO ACCEPT A CHINESE NOTE OF JUNE 7 IN WHICH THE CHINESE OFFERED TO TRY TO RESOLVE THESE DIFFERENCES THROUGH CONSULTATIONS. THE NOTE PLACES ALL THE BLAME FOR SINO-ALBANIAN FRICTIONS ON ALBANIA'S LEADERSHIP AND IMPLIES THAT THE PRC WOULD BE PREPARED TO RESUME ITS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IF EXISTING PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED. IT CONCLUDES BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND ALBANIA CAN BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED.

3. IN CONTRAST TO THE CHINESE POSITION, A DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE WAS TOLD BY THE ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING JULY 8 THAT WHILE ALBANIA WANTED TO MAINTAIN THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN ITS IDEOLOGICAL DISPUTE WITH CHINA AND THE STATE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE CHINESE HAD REFUSED TO KEEP THE TWO SEPARATE.

4. TO GIVE SOME FLAVOR TO THE CURRENT STATE OF SINO-ALBANIAN RELATIONS, ONE THIRD WORLD DIPLOMAT IN PEKING CLAIMS THAT THE CHINESE ARE SENDING SPECIAL PLANES TO ALBANIA TO BRING BACK THEIR SPECIALISTS. SINCE THE PLANES WERE EMPTY ENROUTE TO TIRANA, THE ALBANIANS HAD TRIED TO SEND SOME OF THEIR STUDENTS BACK ON THE PLANES. THE CHINESE HAD REFUSED, FORCING THE ALBANIANS TO USE COMMERCIAL MEANS. THE DIPLOMAT SAID THAT THERE WERE STILL SOME ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN CHINA BELONGING TO THE ALBANIANS WHICH THE CHINESE WERE REPAIRING FOR THEM. THESE WOULD BE SENT  
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BACK TO ALBANIA. HE SAID THAT THE CHINESE HAD BEEN EQUIPPING THE 450,000 MAN ALBANIAN ARMY AND A 200,000 MAN MILITIA FORCE.

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